

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. What happened to the Fairness Doctrine? How can this (or any media outlet) air a piece of propaganda without labeling it as editorial comment and without being required to give equal time for legitimate opposition opinions? Aren't you supposed to be watching out for the public good on the public airwaves?